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Election liquor worth Rs. 7 crore seized

Political banners, publicity materials across city being removed

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) workers mask the name board with a coat of paint at M.N. Thimmaiah Circle on Dewan's Road in city.

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (MTY, BS & BCT)- In the first major seizure preceding the upcoming Lok Sabha election, enforcement agencies patrolling the borders of Mysuru have reported a significant confiscation of 3,35,879.05 litres of illicit liquor valued at Rs. 7,83,72,484. The liquor was intercepted while being transported into Mysuru district yesterday.

According to the daily seizure report covering the period from 9 am on Mar. 17 to 9 am on Mar. 18, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra disclosed that the Excise Department seized 3,35,877.79 litres worth Rs. 7,83,71,684, while the Police Department confiscated 1.26 litres of liquor valued at Rs. 800. This cumulative seizure amounted to Rs. 7,83,72,484.

Election officers informed *Star of Mysore* this morning that they had determined the value of the confiscated liquor by calculating it based on the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) rates of 3,35,879.05 litres. This method was employed to arrive at the final assessed worth of the liquor.

Additionally, Static Surveillance teams have intercepted unaccounted cash totalling Rs. 1,25,000. Individuals carrying cash exceeding Rs. 50,000 are required to furnish valid documentation to substantiate the source of the funds; otherwise, the money is subject to seizure.

In order to uphold the integrity of the electoral process, the District Administration has established 150 teams of Flying Squads (50 teams, operating in three shifts) and 126 teams of Static Surveillance (50 teams, also operating in three shifts). These measures are aimed at ensuring a transparent and impartial election process.

Posters, banners removed

With the election Model Code of Conduct now in effect, following the Election Commission of India's (ECI) announcement of the poll schedule last Saturday, authorities are actively engaged in removing publicity materials of political parties and elected representatives across the city.

Mysuru City falls within the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency. It is scheduled to vote in the second phase of elections on Apr. 26.

(See ELECTION on page 7)

Water Tank on the verge of collapse razed

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (MTY&BS)- The University of Mysore (UoM) authorities have finally addressed the longstanding demand to remove the dangerous overhead water tank at the Sports Pavilion adjacent to Maharaja's College Grounds in the city.

The concrete water tank had been in a state of disrepair for the past 15 years, ever since it became defunct due to water seepage. As a temporary solution, space adjacent to the tank was allocated for the construction of a new water tank under JnNURM scheme of the Central Government.

However, concerns grew as the old water tank neared collapse, with its structural integrity weakening by the day. This raised alarms among students, staff and the general public, especially considering the frequent presence of sports enthusiasts, including budding cricketers practising in nearby nets.

(See TANK on page 6)

This concrete water tank had been in a state of disrepair for over 15 years at UoM Sports Pavilion.

'You don't have to come to Palace; I will come out to meet you': Yaduveer

Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha BJP candidate Yaduveer Wadiyar interacting with media in city this morning as (from left) former MLA S.A. Ramdas, BJP Rural President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, City BJP President L. Nagendra, MP Prathap Simha and State BJP Vice-President Malavika Avinash look on.

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (BLU&BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu BJP Lok Sabha candidate Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar of the erstwhile Mysore royal family extended a warm invitation to voters to meet him, assuring them, *"You don't have to come to the Palace; I will come out to meet you. Moreover, I will open an office outside the Palace and it will be open to all."*

Interacting with the media at a private hotel in city this morning, Yaduveer reflected on his family's enduring connection with the electorate. He was grateful for the warmth and affection he had received from the people over the past nine years in Mysuru.

Notably, Yaduveer responded to all the queries from the media with patience and poise, steering clear of controversies. Even when faced with tough and tricky questions, he handled them adeptly, showcasing his composure and ease in addressing various concerns.

(See YADUVEER on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 18th March 2024

Blood donation and health check-up camp held at MRIT

Mandya, Mar. 18 - Mysuru Royal Institute of Technology (MRIT), Lions Club of Mandavyanagar, Lions Club of Mandya Krushik, Lions Club of Mandya Sahithya, Indian Red Cross Society Mandya and Palahalli Primary Health Centre (PHC), in collaboration with MIMS Blood Bank Centre, Mandya, had organised a blood donation, grouping and a health check-up camp for women at Mysuru Royal Institute of Technology (MRIT) here recently.

The camp was inaugurated by MRIT Principal Dr. K.S. Abhinandan by lighting the lamp.

President of Lions Club of Mandavyanagar Ln. Dr. B.S. Shivakumara highlighted the significance of the programme. President of Lions Club of Mandya Krushik Ln. K.T Hanumanthu spoke on the need for blood donation camps while Dr. Shivalingegowda stressed on the importance of induction programme for the students.

On the occasion of Women's Day, Dr. Vismitha educated girls about maintenance of their health. College Secretary Dr. K.B. Boraiah inaugurated the blood donation camp by handing over a unit of blood to the doctor.

Dr. H.S. Suresh Chandra, Chandramouli, Prof. Nakul Gowda, Rafi and others were present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

SIBLING BONDING: *Whenever one is feeling down or sorrowful, wise men say reading of the Ramayana will uplift such a person. Every character in the epic will show all of us the way forward in spiritual and material life and provide relief from sorrow, said Damal S. Ramakrishnan in a discourse.*

The Ramayana is a practical guide on various premises, including on how a son should conduct himself, upbringing of children by parents, the equation between a guru and sishya, the connection between a ruler and his subjects and the understanding between a husband and wife. Above all, it showcases sibling bonding.

Rama is a stellar example of the ideal brother, right from birth, to Lakshmana, Bharata and Shatrugna. Lakshmana, who would not stop crying in his cradle until he was placed in the same crib as his older brother, was inseparable from Rama. When sage Viswamitra summoned the bala Rama to his yagna, Rama took Lakshmana along, who stood by his brother. Bharata, likewise looked up to his two older brothers. When he was summoned to Ayodhya after Rama's banishment — an event he knew nothing about — Bharata went to the Palace of Rama in order to ascertain what had unfolded in his absence. Upon learning of his banishment, and his own impending elevation as ruler, Bharata refused the realm forthwith. — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man uses pump rocket to hit target 37 times

Idaho: An Idaho man on a quest to concurrently hold 183 Guinness World Records brought his total to 163 by using a pump-powered rocket to hit a target 37 times in a row.

David Rush, who has broken more than 250 Guinness World Records, said his son receiving a rocket as a gift inspired him to attempt the record for most consecutive hits of a target with a pump-powered rocket.

Rush challenged fellow serial record-breaker Ashrita Furman for the title, and the number to beat was nine consecutive hits. Rush was able to hit the target 37 times in a row, more than quadrupling the previous record.

Rush is aiming to concurrently hold 183 Guinness World Records to become the top record-breaker in the world. Italian record-breaker Silvio Sabba currently holds the top spot with 182 titles.

Company grows world's heaviest blueberry

Corindi: An Australian berry company broke a Guinness World Record by growing a Ping-Pong-sized berry that weighs .72 ounce.

A Guinness adjudicator examined the blueberry grown by Costa Berries in Corindi, New South Wales, and confirmed it was the world's heaviest blueberry.

Brad Hocking, head of the team that grew the berry, said it was picked in November last year and was frozen while the company communicated with Guinness World Records.

The blueberry is the new Eterna variety developed by Costa Berries and Hocking said his team hasn't decided what to do with the record-breaking berry.

HEALTH CAPSULE

The symptoms of urinary tract infection are burning in urine, frequent urination, passing blood in urine, lower abdomen pain associated with fever with chills.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T.P. – Consultant – Urology & Andrology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

JSS Law College students win All India Moot Court Competition

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (VNS)- The team of Amulya N. Prasad, Nikita Susan Eapen and Rohan V. Gangadkar, all students JSS Law College, emerged winners in the 47th All India Moot Court Competition on Consumer Law held at Dr. Ambedkar Government Law College in Puducherry recently.

The winning team was honoured by Union Minister Piyush Goyal during the World Consumer Rights Day celebrations held at Takur College of Engineering and Technology in Mumbai.

The winning team also received a cash reward of Rs. 50,000. Rohan V. Gangadkar, who was declared as 'Best Researcher,' received a cash prize of Rs. 5,000. He is the son of advocate and 'Law Guide' Kannada monthly Editor H.N. Venkatesh.

A total of 55 teams from various Law Colleges across the country took part in the competition.

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Yesterday's level **87.67 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,267.37 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,829.78 feet**
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Today's Outflow **749 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *Haast's Eagle: Maori folklore mentions the existence of a huge bird that hunted and ate human babies centuries ago. The Maori called the bird Te Hokioi (or Pouakai), but scientists believe it was the Haast's eagle.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher asked the children to write about Gandhi Jayanti. After 15 minutes, while collecting the answer papers, one boy gave a blank paper. When the teacher asked the reason, he said "Teacher, I know about Gandhi, but I do not know who is this Jayanti!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.89
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.58
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.57
1 Euro	= Rs. 90.27

VOICE OF THE READER

Vasu leaves behind a memorable legacy

Sir,

March 9, 2024, marked a sombre day for us Mysureans upon learning of the passing away of Vasu, former MLA of Chamaraja Constituency and Founder-Chairman of Vidya Vikas Educational Trust (VVET).

Vasu

It was difficult to comprehend that a health-conscious individual, who favoured walking over vehicular transport and was known for his fitness regimen, met such a fate. I recall seeing him one early morning at 4.30 am, standing on the free Railway platform in Mysuru as an MLA, engaging in his routine morning walk, while I boarded the Shiridi Express to Bengaluru.

In 2018, when I decided to relocate to Mysuru, I directly approached him for a position in his institution. On being selected as Director of Academics at Vidya Vikas Institute of Management Studies, I had the privilege of visiting his residence. I had long admired him since his tenure as the Mayor of Mysuru.

A man of few words, soft-spoken, kind, gentle and unassuming, he posed just a few questions during our meeting. He inquired whether I had received a thorough briefing on my job profile from the Secretary, my commitment to serving the institution, and whether the distance from my residence would deter me from fulfilling my duties.

Throughout my three years of service under him, I deeply respected his integrity in managing the institution, particularly during the challenging times of the COVID-19 pandemic. While many educational institutions resorted to salary cuts amidst financial strain, he steadfastly refused to reduce his staff's salaries, ensuring they were paid in full and on time. His love and concern for his employees were truly admirable.

During the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the institution, he exhibited a fatherly concern. Despite a significant delay in the arrival of the chief guest, the then CM H.D. Kumaraswamy, Vasu graciously addressed the audience, captivating them with his journey in establishing the institution, from his humble beginnings as an auto driver to his remarkable achievements.

Vasu's dedication to uplifting the less privileged and his unwavering support for MSMEs in Mysuru was exemplary. His illness came as a shock to many. As Marcus Tullius Cicero aptly said, *"The life of the dead is placed in the memory of the living."*

We hope and pray that Vasu's memory becomes a cherished legacy for those who continue his work in the institutions he helped build. May he find eternal peace, finally free from pain.

—Dr. Michael Noronha
Roopanagar 10.3.2024

New HOPCOMS outlet opens at City Railway Station

Mysuru, Mar.18 (TRR)- President of Karnataka State Cooperative Horticulture Marketing Federation Dr. B.D. Bhooknath and President of District HOPCOMS Mirle Annegowda jointly inaugurated the new HOPCOMS outlet at the City Railway Station recently at a simple function held at platform number 1 by lighting a lamp.

Speaking on the occasion, Annegowda said that HOPCOMS is selling the produce of farmers directly to customers.

"Tourists from across India and abroad come to Railway Station to visit the city. To introduce them to produce of local farmers, this outlet has been opened," he added.

The fresh quality fruits and vegetables will be sold in the outlet and customers can purchase them without any hesitation.

HOPCOMS Vice-President R. Sarvesh, Directors Suryakumar, B.P. Boregowda, Hosahundi Raghu, B.N. Prabhuswamy, T. Ramegowda, Y.G. Mahendra, H.S. Chandregowda, S.R. Srinivas, D. Padmanabh, J. Mahadev, K. Sujatha, S.J. Nalini and others were present.

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Ramzan Mela at Meena Bazar from Mar. 23

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (KS) - Ramzan Mela will be held from Mar. 23 to Apr. 12 at Meena Bazar on Sawday Road in city.

Secretary of The Meena Bazaar Merchants Association and Social Welfare Committee Afroz Pasha has urged Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda to provide civic amenities and obtain permission from the Deputy Commissioner, City Police Commissioner and MCC Commissioner to provide security, keep the place clean daily, ensure drinking water, toilet facilities and also to provide parking places for visitors.

The Mela will be held from 10 am to midnight under the supervision of Committee Secretary Afroz Pasha, who has called upon all vendors and businessmen to follow instructions from Police and not to pay any donations for the Association. He has asked the businessmen to inform him on Mob: 93798-56537 or Mandi Police on Ph: 0821-2418313, if anyone demands money in the name of donation.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Admission to D.El.Ed course

City's District Institute of Education and Training (DIET) has invited applications from eligible 2nd PUC-passed students for admission to Diploma in Elementary Education (D.El.Ed). The admission is open for PU-passed students (50% marks for General Category students and 45% marks for SC/ST students). There is no fee for SC/ST students. For details, contact Mob: 89712-65899.

Light and Sound Technology Workshop

A Light and Sound Technology Workshop is being organised at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar in the city from Mar. 29 to 31. The workshop is being jointly organised by Nudiranga Foundation, Kuvempunagar and Kannada Vikasa Shaikshanika, Samajika, Samkrutika Samsthe, said Foundation President S.R. Sudarshan while addressing the media at Pathrakartara Bhavan, yesterday. A team, led by theatre technology expert Aruna Murthy, will conduct the workshop. Complete information about the management of Light and Sound in theatre will be taught at the workshop. For details, contact Mob: 98458-98982.

Online services of CESC unavailable

In view of the upgradation of its IT services, certain online services like payment of bills, new connection services, change of name and others, for RAPDRP consumers of the following urban areas, will not be available till Mar. 19, says a press release from CESC: V.V. Mohalla, Hootagalli, Kumvepunagar, Ramakrishnanagar, Central Sub-Division, Chamundipuram, N.R. Mohalla, Jyothinagar, Nanjangud, K.R. Nagar, Hunsur, Chamarajanagar, Kollegal, Madikeri, Mandya, Malavalli, Hassan, Channarayapattana and Arasikere towns. A duration of about 15 days is needed for the software to stabilise and some discrepancies are possible during this period. CESC regrets the inconvenience caused to the consumers during this period and has sought the public cooperation.

Ph.D awardee

N. Asha has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, for her thesis 'A Holistic Approach of Sustainable Wellness and Productivity in Higher Education with Respect to Mysore District' [Guide: Dr. Rameshwari Ramchandra].

Protect Gulmohar trees, save human lives

By Dr. S. Shankara Bhat

Result of unscientific pruning of Gulmohar tree. Picture right shows a person calmly resting beneath a Gulmohar tree unaware of the potential danger that it poses.

A diseased Gulmohar tree stump with many conks.

Several news items in *Star of Mysore* in the last two decades have brought to light tree fall incidents across the city and it is a concerning issue. These tree crashes result in severe damage to property, including parked vehicles, electrical poles, TV cables, and, tragically, the occasional loss of human lives.

One of the common trees that fall are Gulmohar or Gulmohur (May flower) tree. These trees are commonly found along pavements, roadsides, and in various gardens throughout Mysuru city. However, their unsuitability for planting on pavements due to buttress roots, which can dislodge tiles, presents a challenge.

Moreover, they often obstruct pedestrian pathways. Consequently, parks and larger gardens would be more suitable locations for their cultivation. At present, all of the Gulmohar trees are mature, with some appearing to be in precarious conditions, characterised by relatively softwood and numerous branches spreading in various directions.

Pruning these branches is essential to ensure unimpeded movement for pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Unfortunately, it appears that the flamboyant Gulmohar trees have been subjected to unscientific pruning practices, leading to the formation of cavities and hollows in nearly all of the tree trunks.

Hollows and cavities

These hollows and cavities result from fungi and insects entering through wounds caused by reckless branch cutting. Over time, such cavities compromise the structural integrity of the Gulmohar trees, weakening them. Consequently, gusty winds and heavy rains pose a significant risk of toppling these weakened trees.

It is imperative to adhere strictly to the correct method of pruning to promote the healthy and vigorous growth of Gulmohar trees, preferably when they are young. Pruning requires skill and should be performed using appropriate sharp tools.

The pruning method and tool type should be chosen based on the thickness of the branches. Pruning of large and heavy branches should be conducted under the supervision of a trained professional.

Three-cut method

In most cases, a three-cut method with a pruning saw is recommended. The first cut is made approximately 30 cm away from the base of the branch by sawing from the underside up to about one-third of its thickness. The second cut is made from the upper side of the same branch, roughly 6-10 cm further away from the first cut, completing the sawing process across the branch.

By the time the second cut is complete, the branch should come down to the ground. However, there is a possibility that the branch might break due to its weight when the cut is about two-thirds of the way through, resulting in tearing; nevertheless, no damage would occur to the crucial branch collar. Finally, the third cut is made very close to the branch collar, thus preventing the tearing of the bark and stem, which would otherwise expose the inner tissues of the branch collar. For information on the correct way to prune any tree, one may watch the video "pruning trees with the three-cut method" using the following link: *https://youtu.be/7JgvA_0BpBw*.

Root disease, fungus

Furthermore, Gulmohar trees are susceptible to a devastating root rot disease caused by a fungus. Initial symptoms include yellowing of leaves and wilting, followed by undersized leaves and dead terminal branches in subsequent years.

A conspicuous symptom is the appearance of conks (fruiting bodies) on the buttress roots and/or the basal portion of the trees during the rainy season. While the disease may remain inconsequential for several years, eventually, the roots decay, and sometimes termites damage the lower parts of the tree trunks.

Severely diseased and damaged trees can suddenly uproot and collapse, posing a risk. Hence, a combination of factors may hasten the falling of Gulmohar trees, and the timing of such incidents remains unpredictable.

Even after removing the aerial parts of diseased and dead Gulmohar trees, the stumps are left behind, continuing to produce conks during the rainy season for several years. Millions of fungal spores are released from these conks into the surrounding air, facilitating disease spread to neighbouring trees of the same species.

Preventive measures

To effectively manage the spread of root rot disease in Gulmohar trees, preventive measures are crucial. The following actions are recommended:

• Promptly cut down and remove severely diseased trees from the site, ensuring the removal of stumps. Destroy or burn the stumps to prevent further spread. If there is an unavoidable delay in removing infected trees, promptly remove and burn any conks formed to minimise pathogen transmission.

• Take measures to prevent incidental wounds from occurring on the buttress roots and basal portion of the tree.

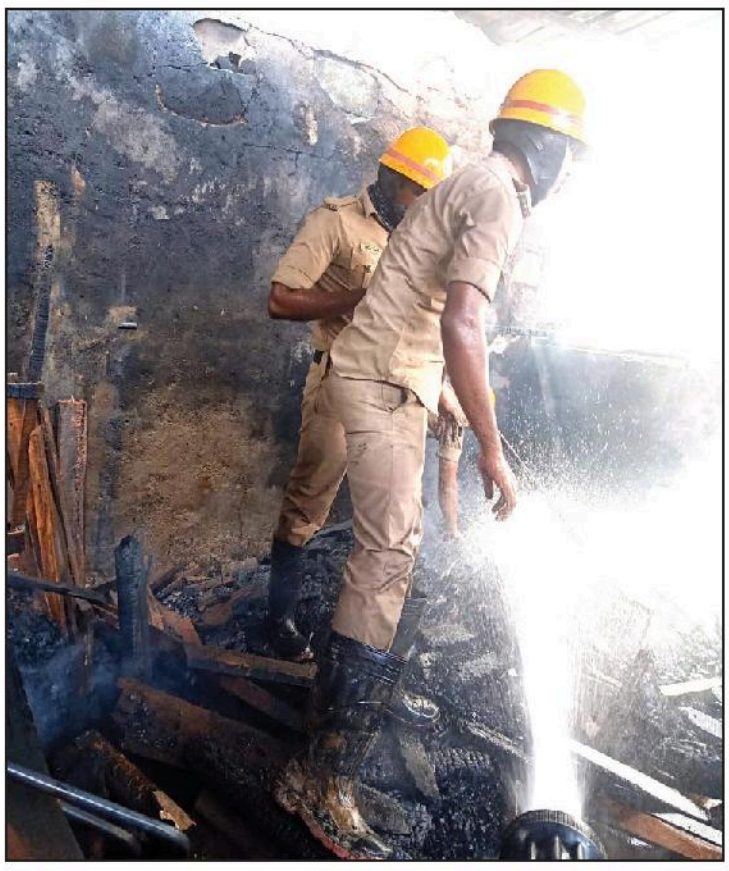
• Maintain a minimum distance of 18-20 metres between Gulmohar saplings when planting to reduce risk of disease transmission.

In addition to these measures, it is hereby requested that the Commissioner of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) arrange periodic inspections by a certified arborist (tree surgeon) or subject expert to identify potential issues with mature Gulmohar trees, if any.

It is also crucial to maintain a database of diseased trees. Any extremely hazardous trees should be promptly cleared from the sites, and until then, they should be labelled as **"Danger - No Parking, No Resting."** If people comply with this message, we can minimise the risk of unexpected tree falls and prevent damage to property and life.

[The writer is the Founder of Plant Clinic, Department of Botany and Founder-Professor of Microbiology (Retired), University of Mysore].

Godown fire: Timber worth lakhs of rupees destroyed



Mysuru, Mar. 18 (RK&KS)- Timber worth lakhs of rupees which was stored in a godown was destroyed in fire this morning.

The incident took place at Yusruf Timbers near Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Circle at Ramakrishnanagar coming under Kuvempunagar Police limits.

Public, who noticed thick smoke emanating from the godown, informed Kuvempunagar Police. Inspector Yogesh and staff, who rushed to the spot, noticed fire in the godown and informed Saraswathipuram Fire Station.

Fire & Emergency Services personnel from Saraswathipuram Fire Station, who rushed to the spot along with 2 fire extinguishing vehicles, managed to douse the fire in a two-hour-long operation and prevented it from spreading further. But the fire had destroyed the stored timber by then.

Police, who suspected short circuit behind the fire, informed CESC officials, who arrived at the spot and conducted an inspection.

Kuvempunagar Police have registered a case.

Fire at Yadavagiri

Fire has destroyed plants and bushes near the railway track on Ideal Jawa Main Road in Yadavagiri yesterday evening.

Due to extreme heat, plants, bushes and weeds had dried up which caught fire emanating thick smoke. Members of the public, who noticed the fire, immediately informed Bannimantap Fire Station and the fire personnel, who rushed to the spot along with a fire extinguishing vehicle, managed to douse the fire and prevented it from spreading further. The reason for the fire is yet to be known.

House burgled at Kanakadasanagar

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (TRR)- Burglars have decamped with gold jewellery worth Rs. 1.20 lakh from a house at Kanakadasanagar in city recently.

The burglary took place on Mar. 11 at the house of Dr. Subramanya, when the doctor had gone to his wife's house at Kushalnagar in Kodagu. Dr. Subramanya, who returned home, found the back door of the house open and on inspecting the house, he found his wife's gold jewellery stolen and lodged a complaint.

Kuvempunagar Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Man dies after falling from seventh floor

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (TRR)- An unidentified man died after falling from the seventh floor of an apartment building near Agrahara Circle in city recently.

About eight residents of the Apartment had decided to fix nets outside their flats to check the menace of pigeons.

Ramana and Lavaraj were given the job of fixing the nets and the duo started the work on Thursday morning. After some time, they went out to have a cup of tea. While coming back, they brought an unidentified person, who was standing near the tea stall, to fix the nets.

After entrusting the job to the stranger, the duo went out for lunch. But the stranger, who was fixing the nets, on the seventh floor, lost his balance, slipped and fell from the seventh floor resulting in his death.

K.R. Police, who rushed to the spot, registered a case of negligence against Ramana and Lavaraj for engaging the worker without taking any safety measures.

Police have also registered a case against apartment residents Rajani, Anand and Manager Shashidhar in this connection. Police are trying to establish the identity of the deceased person.

Youth cheats friend of Rs. 21 lakh

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (TRR)- A youth has allegedly cheated his friend of several lakhs of rupees on the pretext of facilitating Government job to a family member.

The accused, identified as Sandeep Kumar, had taken a car and about Rs. 21 lakh from his friend of eight years Supriya, who works in a private company. He had made many promises to her including arranging a Government job to her family member.

Sandeep had initially taken an amount of Rs. 10 lakh from Supriya promising to help her in a business venture. Later, his friend Manoj Kumar had stolen gold jewellery worth Rs. 10 lakh from his home and gave it to Sandeep Kumar, which he had pledged at a private firm in the name of Supriya. When the family members of Manoj Kumar lodged a complaint at Metagalli Police Station, Sandeep Kumar settled the case after taking Rs. 8.5 lakh from Supriya.

In the meantime, Sandeep again took Rs. 2.5 lakh from Supriya promising a government job to one of her family members. When Supriya demanded Sandeep to return her car and money, he allegedly abused her besides threatening to kill her if she approached the Police.

Supriya lodged a complaint against Sandeep Kumar and his two friends Manoj Kumar and Puneet at Vijayanagar Police Station. Vijayanagar Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

Woman climbs building upset over rejected marriage proposal

She comes from West Bengal to Nanjangud to meet the man she met on Instagram

Nanjangud, Mar. 18 (KS)- Instagram love between a West Bengal woman and a Nanjangud man took a dramatic turn as the woman sparked high drama by scaling a building and threatening to end her life after her lover refused to marry her. The incident unfolded at a Guest House on Rashtrapathi Road in Nanjangud town yesterday.

The situation caused tension for some time and the Police, who swiftly arrived at the scene, managed to rescue the distressed woman.

It has been reported that Asbul Rehman, a 24-year-old native of Bihar, has been working at a factory in Immavu for the past two years and has been residing in the town. The 42-year-old woman, a divorcee from West Bengal with two children, met Rehman through Instagram, and they developed a relationship.

Upon arriving in Nanjangud in search of Rehman, the woman stayed with him at the guest house on Rashtrapathi Road.

During their time together, she insisted on marriage, but Rehman declined. This rejection left the woman in a state of despair, prompting her to climb to the top of the guest house building and threaten suicide.

A large crowd gathered at the scene, causing traffic disruption. Meanwhile, Rehman allegedly made an attempt on his own life in their room.

Responding swiftly, the Nanjangud Police rescued the woman and brought both individuals to the Police Station, where they were questioned and provided counselling. Subsequently, the Police allowed the woman to leave with Rehman.

No case has been filed in connection with the incident.

Pledging same property papers for loans

Police register case against a couple for cheating banks

Mysuru, Mar. 18- Kuvempunagar Police have registered a case against a couple on charges of cheating two banks. The couple had pledged the same property documents in two banks and had obtained loans.

The couple, against whom the case has been registered, is M.P. Niranjan and H.S. Nandini, residents of J.P. Nagar in city.

The case was registered following a complaint from Bank of Baroda, Saraswathipuram Branch Manager Yogesh.

The couple had pledged the original property documents in Bank of Baroda, Saraswathipuram Branch in 2016 and had obtained a loan of Rs. 49.99 lakh. As they had not paid the monthly instalment since eight years, the loan amount including interest had grown up to Rs. 79,71,306.

Meanwhile, the couple, after making some changes in the property documents, had pledged the same documents at Surabhi Souharda Credit Co-operative Bank at Banashankari in Bengaluru and had obtained loan there too.

The cheating came to light after the Co-operative Bank issued a notice to the couple, Yogesh has stated in the complaint.

Woman goes missing from city

Mysuru, Mar. 18- A woman has gone missing since Mar. 11 and a case has been registered at Mysuru Railway Police Station.

The missing woman is a resident of Mandya. She is 5.5 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, oval faced, speaks Hindi and Marathi and was wearing a pink coloured kurthi with embroidery, white pant, white dupatta, silver chain with black beads, gold earrings and a gold finger ring with blue stone.

Those having any information about the missing woman may contact Mysuru Railway Police Station on Ph: 0821-2516579 or Mob: 94808-02122.

Mysuru-KRS Road closed for Railway Level Crossing works, traffic diverted

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (RK&BS)- Mysuru-KRS Road has been partially closed near the Railway Level Crossing after Hotel Royal Inn junction, following the maintenance works taken up by the South Western Railways (SWR), Mysuru Division. **The works began yesterday at 8 am and is expected to conclude later today.**

In view of the safety of vehicle riders and general public, the barricades have been placed on either side of the level crossing, to prevent trespassing.

However, as a precautionary measure to avoid chaos and congestion, VV Puram Traffic Police are diverting the vehicles coming from Mysuru side, Hebbal Outer Ring Road (ORR) side, KRS road and Mysuru-Bengaluru ORR side towards alternative routes.

Vehicles coming from Mysuru have to take left at Hotel Royal Inn Junction and proceed further and turn right near the rear gate of JK Tyre Factory and after proceeding further take right towards Sunanda Agarbathi Factory to reach KRS Road. Those coming from Mysuru-Bengaluru ORR side have to turn right before GRS Fantasy Park junction and proceed further before turning left and reach KRS Road adjacent to a petrol bunk near JK Factory main gate and proceed further.

Similarly, those coming from Hebbal ORR side, have to turn left near the rear side gate of JK Tyre and proceed towards Sunanda Factory junction to reach KRS Road and proceed further. Those coming from Belagola side on KRS Road can take left near Petrol Bunk junction and proceed to reach ORR near GRS.

You don't have to come to Palace: Yaduveer

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Why BJP?

"For the past nine years, you have welcomed me warmly. You have shown affection towards me as a son, as a brother. I need your love and trust in the future as well. My principles and ideologies are closely aligned with those of the BJP. My thoughts resonate with the BJP's, which is why I chose the party. With my father having served as a Member of Parliament from Mysuru four times, we share a connection with everyone. My vision aligns with the BJP, and there is an emotional bond between the people and the Mysore Palace," Yaduveer said.

When questioned about the royal aura surrounding him and whether it would pose challenges in shedding the royal image, he responded, "The days of Rajas and Maharajas are over, and now, everyone is equal before the Indian Constitution and Law. Call me whatever you want — Yaduveer, MP, representative, anything."

Equal under Constitution

Emphasising equality under the Constitution, he reiterated his commitment to engaging with constituents in a modern, accessible manner. "If elected as the MP from Mysuru-Kodagu, I will work in a manner consistent with any other MP. I can be reached through modern technology. There are no high expectations. I haven't claimed to be a king even once. Apart from the private traditions associated with the Mysore Palace during Dasara, steeped in history and tradition, I will lead a life like any ordinary person," he said.

"I will be a commoner among commoners, making myself easily accessible to the people. There may be an impression that I am unfamiliar with the hardships faced by the common man, but that is not the case. I do understand the challenges and struggles of ordinary citizens. I have a vision for Mysuru and Kodagu, and I am determined to implement it in due course. Additionally, I am wholeheartedly committed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047," Yaduveer affirmed.

When asked whether his mother Pramoda Devi Wadiyar will join him for the election campaign, Yaduveer said his campaign does not require his mother's direct involvement, attributing his presence to her blessings and affirming her unwavering support.

All issues as per law

When questioned about Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's efforts to accelerate the State Government's legal battle in the Supreme Court regarding the acquisition of Bangalore Palace and the surrounding areas claimed by the Mysore royal family, Yaduveer reiterated that all legal disputes with the Government concerning royal assets and properties will be resolved within the framework of the law and by the Constitution.

Addressing reporters' inquiries about certain communities' reservations towards the BJP, Yaduveer emphasised, "I transcend beyond religious, caste, and ethnic barriers as a candidate. I have garnered the affection and trust of people from all walks of life, who have bestowed their blessings upon me. The BJP upholds Constitutional values and is not at odds with Constitutional principles."

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, State BJP Vice-Presidents Malavika Avinash and M. Rajendra, former MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra, who is now the City BJP President, BJP Rural President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, Kodagu BJP President Ravi Kalappa and others were present.

I will neither betray Yaduveer nor BJP, asserts Prathap Simha

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (BLU&BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha has reiterated his whole-hearted support for the BJP candidate from Mysuru-Kodagu, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, affirming his commitment to ensure Yaduveer's victory. "I will not betray him or the BJP, which is like my mother," he stated.

Speaking at a media interaction at a private hotel in the city this morning, the MP emphasised, "We are in the process of submitting Yaduveer's nomination papers. Although Yaduveer is known to the people as a 'king,' he is fully prepared as a candidate, and I extend my support to him without any reservations. It is a vast Constituency. We have to travel 200 kms from Kadakola in Mysuru to Karike in Kodagu to reach out to the people."

"I am a dedicated BJP worker, willing to go to any lengths to support Yaduveer's victory, including putting up banners and posters and serving as his election agent," he added.

Responding to questions about the party's decision not to grant him a ticket, Prathap Simha said, "In 2014 March, when the BJP gave me the ticket to contest, I did not question their decision. Similarly, now that I have been denied the ticket, I will not question it. The party elders have made their decision, and I will respect it. Even now, I am unaware of the reasons behind the rejection of the ticket. They haven't provided any explanation."

"The offers from the Congress party are immaterial at present. It is just as crucial for us to secure Yaduveer's victory as it is for the nation to have Modi. We require a representative from Mysuru-Kodagu to support PM Modi in Parliament," he added.

Water Tank razed

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The road alongside the tank serves as a vital link between the main entrance of the UoM indoor stadium and the boys' and girls' hostels of the Physical Education Department. On the opposite side lies Krishnaraja Boulevard, connecting roads leading to Crawford Hall and the old Deputy Commissioner's Office, ultimately ending at Hunsur Road. The potential collapse of the tank would have exacerbated an already precarious situation.

Addressing these concerns, the UoM authorities took action yesterday to remove the old water tank, thereby mitigating the risk of any untoward incidents.

Dr. C. Venkatesh, Director of the Physical Education Department at the University of Mysore, confirmed, "The company awarded the contract for the removal of the water tank one year ago has successfully demolished the structure using earth-moving machinery. All necessary precautions were taken before the demolition."

During a visit to the site this morning, *Star of Mysore* observed that efforts to clear the debris were in progress. The contractor is carefully dismantling the metal components of the structure with great care.

Mysore Varsity losing its glory: Prof. S.R. Niranjana

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (MK&DM)- Karnataka State Higher Education Council Vice-Chairman Prof.S.R. Niranjana has regretted that over a Century old University of Mysore (UoM) is gradually losing its glory that it was once known for.

He was speaking after inaugurating the University of Mysore Botany Students Alumni Association at the Department of Botany in Manasagangothri campus here yesterday.

Noting that the Higher Education Minister himself has admitted that the pride of the UoM is getting hurt, Prof.Niranjana said this can be attributed to dip in quality of studies, evaluation methods, lack of research etc.,

Pointing out that the UoM did not get any funds under PM USHA Scheme, he said, however, Bangalore University and Rani Channamma University, Belagavi, got funds of Rs.100 crore each, while Gulbarga, Mangalore, Dharwad and Maharani Cluster Universities got funds in the second phase. This goes to explain that learning is going haywire in UoM, which should be a matter of grave concern for the century old University.

Bemoaning that the teacher-student cordial relationship is not like in the past, he observed that one upmanship is severely impeding learning process. He called for floating such Associations in all departments of the University.

President of Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru, Swami Muktidananda, who graced the occasion, opined that "Botany is a good subject of study. Highlighting the importance of studying Botany, he said that plants are very much part of our Oxygen cycle and hence there should be more studies on plants."

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof.N.K. Lokanath in his address, said that challenges must be overcome for achieving success in this era of global competition. Stressing on the need for surpassing challenges in a diligent manner, he assured of support for formation of associations in every academical department of the University.

Former Gulbarga University Vice-Chancellors Prof.M. Muniyamma and Prof.E.T. Puttaiah, HoD of Botany, UoM, Prof.K.N. Amrutesh, faculty Prof.G.R. Janardhan and Prof.G.R. Shivamurthy, Botanical Society Secretary Prof. Rajkumar H.Garampally, UoM IQAC Co-ordinator Dr.J. Lohith, Dr. Ningaraju and others were present.

Election: Banners removed

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The gangmen of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) are removing all forms of publicity materials, including posters, hoardings, signboards and name boards, in compliance with the norms of poll code of conduct. This process is being carried out across all 65 wards of MCC, encompassing four Assembly Constituencies: Krishnaraja, Chamaraja, Narasimharaja and Chamundeshwari.

The streets and intersections of the city typically feature boards displaying ward names, numbers and the names of local representatives such as Corporators, MLAs and MPs. However, during elections, these boards can be construed as a form of publicity, contravening poll conduct regulations. Consequently, these boards are being repainted to obscure the aforementioned details, leaving them blank.

Similarly, bus shelters proudly showcasing the names of elected representatives responsible for allocating MLA or MPLAD (MP Local Area Development) funds for their construction are also being covered, either with paint or cloth.

Efforts are also underway to remove hoardings that highlight schemes and projects of the Central and State Governments at strategic locations throughout the city. Additionally, vinyl posters on KSRTC buses depicting government initiatives are being numbered for easy identification and subsequent removal of publicity materials to avoid scrutiny by authorities.

These measures aim to ensure that voters can exercise their franchise freely, without being unduly influenced by external factors. Ultimately, the goal is to conduct elections in a manner that upholds the principles of democracy, ensuring fairness and impartiality in the electoral process.

Obituary

Rtn. R. Venkateshwara Rao

Mysuru, Mar. 18 - Rtn. PHF R. Venkateshwara Rao (75), Chairman of Rotary Mysore South East Charitable Trust, Past President of Rotary Mysore South East and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind his children and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held later today at the foot of Chamundi Hill, according to family sources.

Lack of awareness hurdle to Ujjwala Yojana: Retired JD

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (MTY&BS)- Dr. K. Rameshwarappa, retired Joint Director (JD) of Food and Civil Supplies Department said "Though Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana is successfully implemented, there is a drop in utilising the benefits due to lack of awareness on the scheme, that is intended at creating a smoke free atmosphere in view of the health of rural women."

He was delivering the keynote address at the one-day workshop on 'Social and Economic Evaluation of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in Rural Karnataka' organised at Karnataka State Open University's (KSOU) Nala auditorium in the city on Saturday.

"The scheme is 100 percent successfully implemented across the country including Karnataka with LPG connection provided to 10.32 crore households, benefitting 45 crore people including four in each of the beneficiary families. A target to reach five million families under the scheme was set in 2019, but as the demand for LPG connection swelled, it has been decided to extend the benefit to 10 crore families. But at some places, only 50 percent to 80 percent of the scheme is being utilised and it can be attributed to lack of awareness," he added.

Earlier in the State, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah led Government had launched a scheme as an alternate to Ujjwala scheme to provide LPG cylinder at subsidised cost. Such a scheme of the State Government has created a confusion among people, thus causing an impediment to Ujjwala Yojana, he noted.

When Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister, the scheme to provide LPG connection was extended to rural areas too. Till then, there was an impression that LPG connection was restricted to urban areas. With the implementation of LPG scheme, it was aimed at minimising the time spent on cooking without affecting the health of women, he said.

Prof. H.R. Uma from Department of Economics, Sir M. Visvesvaraya PG Centre, Mandya, inaugurated the workshop by lighting the gas stove.

Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse presided over the programme.

Dean (Academic) KSOU Dr. Ramanathan Naidu, Prof. M.S. Ramananda, Prof. Vishwanath and Dr. R.H. Pavitra from Economics Department were present.

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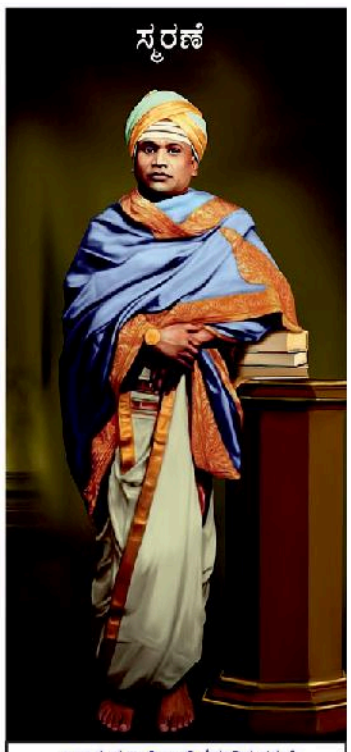

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Gift of Life

By Ganesh Anil

Living a meaningful life takes various forms and one powerful way to extend that significance beyond our time on earth is through organ donation.

While we often explore avenues to enrich our lives, donating organs after death offers a unique opportunity to not only give our own life a purpose but also to inspire others. The impact of such contributions is evident in the 939 individuals who selflessly donated their organs from 2007 to 2023 in Karnataka, giving life to 4,843 people and embodying a sense of altruism.

From the inception of life's journey, individuals may sometimes forsake human values in favour of a self-centred existence. However, as life nears its conclusion, some regret not having made a positive impact through charity, religious contributions or compassionate deeds for others. For those having a regret, 'Jeeva Sarthakathe' is an answer where organs can be donated. Founded in 2007 and now operating under the name SOTTO (State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation) Karnataka, it is governed by the Transplantation of Human Organs Act-1994 and facilitates selfless service to society even in the final stages of life.

It aims to raise awareness about organ donation within communities, ensuring that individuals with brain dysfunction can donate organs to recipients. The process is executed for registered patients through the organisation's dedicated organ donation programme.

What is brain dysfunction?

Brain dysfunction refers to a state where the brain is completely and permanently disabled due to factors such as accidents or strokes. While conventional definitions of death often focus on the cessation of heart activity, advancements in medical technology allow the heart and lungs to be sustained artificially, even after severe brain impairment.

Once a person experiences brain death, they may appear as a living body with a functioning heart but lack any cognitive or neurological activity. The determination of brain death typically involves a thorough examination by a Government-mandated team of four doctors. This officially approved medical team, comprising a neurologist, emergency department doctor, hospital Medical Superintendent and treating doctor conducts various tests to establish that the patient is indeed brain dead.

Organ donation statistics

In India, there are currently over 1,21,625 individuals awaiting various organs, with more than 8,000 people in Karnataka alone and over 600 individuals in Mysuru waiting for organ transplants. 1,38,632 people have already registered for organ donation.

Breaking down the figures for Karnataka, a total of 19,051 individuals have registered, with 7,942 men and 11,107 women expressing their willingness to donate.

Who can donate organs?

Not everyone who has passed away can donate organs. There are specific time limits for transplanting each organ, with considerations for the viability of organs after death. For instance, the heart has a transplant window of 4 hours, lungs 4 to 6 hours and the liver 6 to 8 hours.

Once brain activity ceases, medical professionals use machines to sustain the heart and lungs, making individuals with deactivated brains suitable candidates for organ donation.

However, there are challenges associated with organ donation after death. The body's blood coagulates within approximately 20 minutes of death, leading to potential damage to organs such as the kidneys. While it is generally difficult for deceased individuals to donate organs, options like donating eyes and ligaments remain viable.

The process involved

In India, there have been rare instances of organ donation from deceased patients, although medical professionals caution that the outcomes may not always be optimal. Obtaining the necessary organ for transplantation involves a systematic process, especially when vital organs like the heart, heart valves, kidney, lung and liver are in consideration.

In the event of organ failure, either the hospital or the patient can visit the 'Jeeva Sarthakathe' website where they record comprehensive details about the patient, including blood group and symptoms and proceed to register for organ transplantation.

'Jeeva Sarthakathe' maintains a list of registered patients, prioritising younger age groups. In hospitals, a team of four doctors swiftly reviews the information of brain-dead patients. Once approved, this information is transmitted to 'Jeeva Sarthakathe.'

'Jeeva Sarthakathe' communicates with the brain-dead patient's blood group to determine if it matches any of the four patients on their list. Following a successful match, the organisation approves the transplant of required organs and tissues. Once the examination is complete, the approved organs — heart, kidney, lung, liver and other tissues — are made available for patients in need.

Given that a donor typically has two kidneys, one kidney is retained by 'Jeeva Sarthakathe' and the other kidney is transferred to the hospital in need. The hospital cross-references the list of registered patients requiring a kidney transplant within their institution and proceeds with the transplantation process.

Zonal Office in Mysuru

In Karnataka, a total of 68 hospitals encompassing various specialities are members of 'Jeeva Sarthakathe.' Notably, within Mysuru, six hospitals have secured membership, specialising in kidney and liver transplants.

Currently, the Regional Office of 'Jeeva Sarthakathe' operates in Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Hubballi-Dharwad and Kalaburagi. To further enhance the reach and accessibility of organ transplant services, a decision has been made to establish a Zonal Office in Mysuru.

What doctors say

"Organ donation is akin to serving the country and it knows no age limits. The decision to proceed with transplantation is made with careful consideration of the patient's overall condition, requiring mental and physical strength. Post-transplant, a patient's lifestyle plays a pivotal role in ensuring a successful recovery. Organ donation presents a unique opportunity for individuals to extend their lives by several decades."

— Dr. Rajkumar P. Wadhwa, Chief Gastroenterologist, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru

"The first donor group involves those who donate their organs passively, often through accidents resulting in brain death. The second group consists of individuals who choose to donate while still alive, providing an opportunity for those in need to receive organs. Here, close relatives can donate. The third group is husband and wife who donate by mutual consent. Those who come forward to make donations receive more attention and it is ensured that they face no inconvenience during the donation process.

— Dr. Srinivas Nalloor, Nephrologist, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru

"Organ procurement for individuals facing health issues generally does not pose significant problems or pain. However, a notable concern arises when a considerable percentage, 80 percent of people fail to wear helmets and end up passively donating their brains due to accidents. The emotional toll on their families and the resulting pain are substantial. Karnataka stands second in the country for organ donation. Particularly noteworthy is the significant participation of women as organ donors.

— Dr. M. Rajani, Assistant Director / Assistant Secretary, Jeeva Sarthakathe, Bengaluru

"Every hour in India, four individuals lose their lives in road accidents, often resulting in brain death. If just 5 percent of these unfortunate cases choose to donate organs, it could significantly alleviate the shortage of organs. With millions of people in India requiring organ transplants, such donations have the potential to address this critical need.

— Dr. Manjunath S. Shetty, Nephrologist, JSS Hospital, Mysuru

"The rate of organ donation from brain dead patients has shown significant improvement in recent years. However, further awareness programmes are crucial. Family awareness plays a crucial role in this regard. The involvement of celebrities in such campaigns not only raises societal awareness but also boosts the number of donors. Kidney transplantation remains a challenging procedure to access, with over 4,000 individuals in the State awaiting kidneys. In-family kidney donations mitigate health concerns. Moreover, recipients experience a marked enhancement in their quality of life post-transplantation.

— Dr. Vipin Kaverappa, Consultant Nephrologist, Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

"Kidneys from organ donors are indeed transplantable but it necessitates compatibility with the recipient's body. As a result, a significant amount of time is required for various tests and to acquire organs from different sources. However, if family members donate kidneys, the process becomes streamlined. Even in cases where blood groups differ, medical interventions are available to facilitate transplantation and such procedures are becoming increasingly common. Recipients of organ transplants must adhere to the advice provided by doctors. By following this guidance, they can resume a normal lifestyle. Those who adhere to medical advice lead lives akin to ordinary individuals, participating in sports and even holding regular jobs.

—Dr. S. Nagesh, Urologist & Transplant Surgeon, Narayana Hospital, Mysuru

After 16 years wait, *e sala cup namde*

RCB wins maiden WPL 2024 title

New Delhi, Mar. 18- In the Women's Premier League 2024 final held at Arun Jaitley Stadium here yesterday, Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) secured the title with an eight-wicket victory over Delhi Capitals (DC).

The team ended RCB's 16-year wait for glory by clinching their maiden title.

Opting to bat first, DC were bowled out for 113 runs in 18.3 overs. RCB successfully chased down the target of 114 with three balls to spare.

During the initial innings, Delhi Capitals made a promising start against the RCB spinners,

reaching 64 without any loss in just 43 balls.

However, their momentum swiftly diminished as they suffered a sudden collapse, losing all 10 wickets for a mere 49 runs. Once DC reached 72 for 3 halfway through their innings, their key player Meg Lanning, who was striving to revive their fortunes, was dismissed leg before wicket by Shreyanka. This turn of events led to DC being dismissed for 113 runs.

Notable contributions from RCB came from Smriti Mandhana (31), Sophie Devine (32), and Ellyse Perry (35 not out).

District-level State Government Employees Sports Meet held

The prize-winners of various sports and cultural competitions are seen with MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, MLA T.S. Srivatsa, State Government Employees Association District President J. Govindaraju, DYES Assistant Director Bhaskar Nayak and others.

Mysuru, Mar. 18 (MK&KS)- The two-day District-level State Government Employees Sports Meet, jointly organised by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) and the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES), was held successfully at Chamundi Vihar Stadium in Nazarbad here recently. Hundreds of State Government employees took part in both individual and team events and won various prizes.

TEAM EVENTS

Kabaddi: The team comprising employees of various Departments won the first place while the Health Department team bagged the second place.

Throwball: Health Department (K.R. Circle) bagged the first place while the Education Department team bagged the second place.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

K.R. Hospital Nursing Officer B. Vasanthi won gold in long jump, silver in 100 mts and 200 mts race, bronze in 4x400 mts relay and 4x100 mts relay and three medals in Yoga.

Government Nursing College Principal Pushpalatha bagged three medals in Yoga, bronze in 100 mts and 200 mts race, silver in Kabaddi and Artistic Yoga.

Bannimantap Government Higher Primary School teacher Gunavathi bagged gold medals in 100 mts race, 4x400 mts relay and 4x100 mts relay, silver in Kabaddi, Long Jump and Artistic Yoga.

100 mts race: Mangala, Sushma and Nirmala; **400 mts race:** Uma, Radha and Sushma; **800 mts race:** Uma, Mangala and Kavitha; **Long Jump:** Shashikala, Puneetha and Yashasvi Rai; **High Jump:** Jalajakshi and Puneetha; **Shot Put:** Pooja, Jalajakshi and Girija bagged the first, second and third places respectively.

MEN'S DIVISION

T. Narasipur's Agasthyapura Government Lower Primary School Teacher R. Javaranayaka bagged gold in 50 mts breast stroke, butterfly stroke and 4x100 mts relay in swimming.

100 mts race: Mithun Gowda, H.L. Chandrashekar and Pampapathi; **200 mts race:** H.L. Chandrashekar, Jagadish and Pampapathi; **400 mts race:** Pampapathi, Santosh and Dinesh; **800 mts race:** Mahendra, Narendra and Mariswamy; **Long Jump:** Manju, Nayan and Sridhar; **High Jump:** Revanasidda, Sridhar and Aslam; **Shot Put:** Devaraja, Bharath and Venugopal, bagged the first, second and third places respectively.

Medals were presented to the winners by MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah and MLA T.S. Srivatsa.

Speaking on the occasion, State Government Employees Association District President J. Govindaraju said that the two-day sports meet which saw the participation of over 2,000 State Government employees was a success. He called upon the winners to participate in the State-level Sports Meet and bring laurels to Mysuru district.

DYES Assistant Director Bhaskar Nayak and Government Employees Association District Office-bearers were present.

City master athlete excels

Mysuru, Mar. 18- Mysuru's S.M. Uma has secured gold medals in 5-km run, 5-km walk, 1,500 mts run and a bronze medal in 4x100 mts relay of the 2nd South India Masters Athletic Open Championship 2024 held at Mahatma Gandhi District Sports Ground in Ajjarakadu, Udupi, under the aegis of Udupi Masters Athletic Association on Mar. 9 and 10. With this win, she has been selected for India and Sri Lanka Masters Athletic Dual Championships 2024 to be held at Colombo in Sri Lanka in June.

S.M. Uma

Mysore University Karate Team for All India Championship

A group photo of the Karatekas of University of Mysore who are taking part in the All India Inter-University Karate Championship 2023-24 being held at Punjab University in Chandigarh between Mar. 16 and 19. Seen are (standing) ***Pavan, Vijaysurya, Vinay, Shashank, Tejas, Dakshayini and Sania Fathima;*** (sitting) ***Preetham (Captain), Jashwanth (Coach), Department of Physical Education Director Dr. C. Venkatesh and Jayashree (Team Manager) and Sudha (Captain).***

Inter-Collegiate Handball & Basketball Tournaments

Mysuru, Mar. 18- St. Joseph's First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru, in association with Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore, had organised Mysore University Inter-Collegiate Chamundi Zone Handball (Men) and Mysore City Inter-Collegiate Basketball Men and Women Tournaments at St. Joseph's College Ground recently.

Rev. Fr. Vijay Kumar, Secretary and Correspondent, MDES, inaugurated the event by shooting the ball into the basket. In his Presidential Address, he underlined the importance of sports to health and fitness in daily lives. He opined that sportsmen possess a unique combination of physical abilities, mental attributes, and character traits that set them apart and make them special in the world of sports and beyond.

Rev. Fr. Avinash, Administrator, MDES; H.N. Chandrashekara, Principal, St. Joseph's First Grade College; R. Shilpa, Vice-Principal, St. Joseph's First Grade College, K.S. Harish Kumar, Physical Education Director and a host of students were present at the event.

A total of 28 teams actively took part in the tournament. The list of winners is as follows:

Men's Division— Handball: 1st place - SBRR Mahajana First Grade College; **2nd -** PGSC, Manasagangothri and **3rd -** St. Joseph's First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram; **Basketball: 1st -** JSS Medical College, **2nd -** National Institute of Engineering and **3rd -** SBRR Mahajana First Grade College.

Women's Division — Basketball: 1st - Teresian Degree College, **2nd -** Teresian PU College and **3rd -** JSS Medical College.

WORD OF THE DAY

Querulous

Pronunciation: KWAIR-yuh-lus (adjective)
Meaning: Someone described as querulous is constantly or habitually complaining. Querulous can also be used synonymously with fretful or whining when describing something, such as a person's tone of voice.
Origin: English speakers have called fretful whiners querulous since late medieval times. The Middle English form of the word, querelose, was an adaptation of the Latin adjective, querulus, which in turn evolved from the Latin verb queri, meaning "to complain." Queri is also an ancestor of the English words quarrel and quarrelsome, but it isn't an ancestor of the noun query, meaning "question." No need to complain that we're being coy; we're happy to let you know that query descends from the Latin verb quaerere, meaning "to ask."
Example: "Everyone has a theory about the decline of the Academy Awards, the sinking ratings that have led to endless Oscar reinventions. The show is too long; no, the show is too desperate to pander to short attention spans. ... Hollywood makes too many superhero movies; no, the academy doesn't nominate enough superhero movies. (A querulous voice from the back row: Why can't they just bring back Billy Crystal?)" — Ross Douthat, The New York Times, 25 Mar. 2022

THE ODD WORD

Halfpace

A platform of a staircase where the stair turns back in exactly the reverse direction of the lower flight.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Chick Flicks

Meaning: You use the term 'Chick Flicks' to indicate that a movie focuses on love and is usually of a romantic-comedy genre. The term is mostly used to describe movies that are primarily targeted toward a female audience.
Origin: Beginning in the early 1990s, the term 'chick flick' was used to describe a movie that appealed mostly to women. A 1995 article in The Syracuse Herald Journal used the term in a review: "For guys, it's just another mind numbing chick flick.' But for us, the members of the fine female sex, 'Now and Then' is a funny, touching story where we can see a bit of ourselves and our friends in the characters."
Example: "We're going to spend the evening eating pizza and watching chick flicks."

QUOTE BOX

Love is never defeated, and I could add, the history of Ireland proves it.

— Pope John Paul II

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Breakfast

SUDOKU

3								6
2			4		6			1
	1			3			2	
		4		7		3		
			2		1			
		9		4		2		
	7			2			9	
5			6		4			8
6								2

Answer to previous puzzle

1	5	8	3	7	4	2	9	6
9	2	7	6	8	5	3	1	4
6	4	3	9	2	1	8	7	5
7	6	9	8	3	2	5	4	1
8	1	5	7	4	6	9	3	2
2	3	4	5	1	9	7	6	8
5	7	2	1	6	3	4	8	9
3	9	1	4	5	8	6	2	7
4	8	6	2	9	7	1	5	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

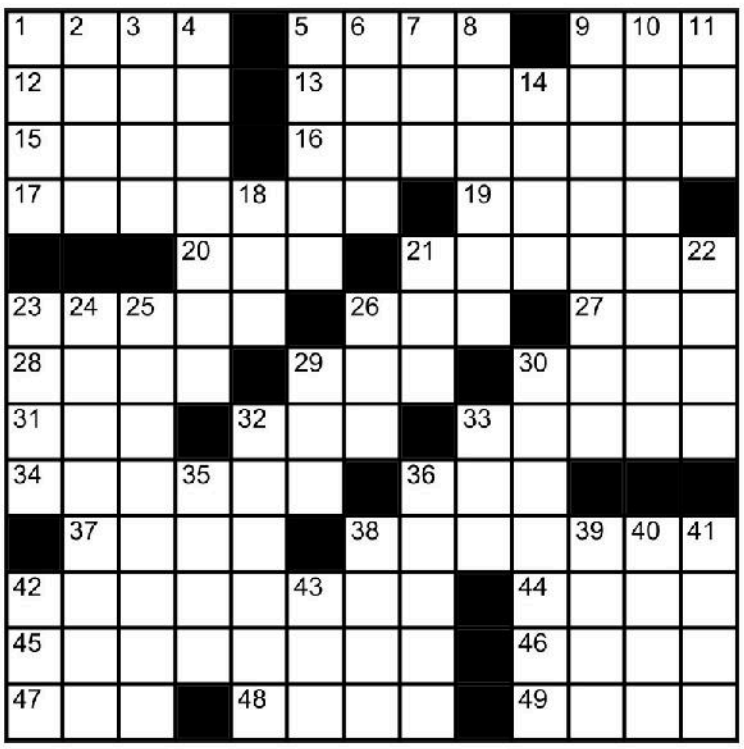
1 Let it stand!
5 An Indian peasant during the British rule
9 Chow mein enhancer
12 End piece
13 Robots or mechanical men - "out at Ama" anagram?
15 As _ __ : as a child or youngster (1,3)
16 Bucolic
17 Yokel
19 Memo starter
20 Tell-all bk.: Brit.
21 ___ white : overcharges to a tremendous extent?
23 Euro 2020 champions
26 Pas' mates
27 Cut off
28 Part of the ear
29 Amitabh and Pran's action thriller
30 F1 team ___Romeo
31 61 in Roman numerals
32 Resin
33 Overhead or above
34 Take a ___ : go from one end of the wicket to another?
36 Airspeed Indicator
37 Goodbye
38 Athletic shoe
42 Three wickets in three balls in cricket? (3,5)
44 Structure for grain storage
45 Unfavourable
46 Charles Lamb's pseudonym?
47 WWII battleground
48 Pimples
49 Flower part

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

R	O	B	■	P	R	I	G	■	R	A	R	E
A	R	E	■	R	A	S	A	■	O	N	Y	X
P	E	R	S	I	S	T	S	■	C	I	A	O
T	O	T	E	M	■	O	S	L	O	■	■	■
■	■	■	L	A	W	■	Y	A	C	H	T	S
S	C	O	F	F	E	D	■	M	O	I	S	T
O	H	M	■	A	D	E	L	E	■	L	A	O
D	I	R	A	C	■	S	I	N	A	T	R	A
A	C	I	D	I	C	■	A	T	N	■	■	■
■	■	■	H	E	R	A	■	A	T	S	E	A
E	T	R	E	■	A	R	A	B	I	A	N	S
S	O	U	R	■	Z	E	A	L	■	R	D	I
C	O	N	E	■	Y	A	L	E	■	A	S	A

DOWN

1 Crust formed over wound in healing
2 Soothing ointment __ Balsam
3 Kind of cheese
4 Young frog
5 Speedy
6 Chinese money
7 Officers Training School, acronym
8 Sums up
9 Circular tower as a fort for coastal defence
10 Deadlock or impasse
11 Girl or woman, colloquially speaking
14 Speck - "tome" anagram?
18 Use it to open a lock
21 Prohibit
22 Petty quarrel
23 Complaints, problems or maladies?
24 A substance, usually a chemical which acts as a poison
25 From the start - in Latin (2,6)
26 Mother affectionately
29 Owed
30 Sobriquets
32 Girl's name
33 Suffix for enzymes
35 Global Air Traffic Mgmnt.
36 Foot joint
38 Examine
39 Tartan skirt
40 Nobelist Wiesel
41 Wander about aimlessly
42 Hasten or hurry in archaic English
43 Governing body for intl. cricket, acronym?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NBWJBR VOJ ONL BRPRC TNYR N TDLZNAR

ONL BRPRC ZCDRY NBWZODBI BRV.

TODAY'S CLUE: N EQUALS A

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: No matter what people tell you, words and ideas can change the world.

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  Hide and Seek (K) - 4 Shows
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  Yodha (H) - 4 Shows
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Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-1)	10.20 am, 5.45 pm, 7.50, 9.55 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	(S-1)	12.25 pm; (S-2) 7.15 pm
Chow Chow Bath (K)	(S-1)	3.25 pm
Hide and Seek (K)	(S-2)	10.25 am
Dune Part 2 (E)	(S-2)	1.00 pm
Article 370 (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Somu Sound Engineer (K)	(S-2)	10.15 pm
Mehbooba (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am
Kerebete (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
Bastar - Naxal Story (H)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Razakar (Te)	(S-3)	9.45 pm
Jackie (K)	(S-4)	8 am, 10.50 am, 10.10 pm
Shaitaan (H)	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Yodha (H)	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.20 pm

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Jackie (K)	:	10.15 am, 1.15 pm
Yodha (H)	:	10.30 am, 1.35 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.15 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	11.30 am, 4.15 pm, 7.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	1.15 pm, 9.15 pm
Hide and Seek (K)	:	2:05 pm
Bastar: Naxal Story (H)	:	4.15 pm, 6.45 pm
Razakar (K)	:	4.15 pm
Razakar (Te)	:	9.30 pm
Mehabooba (K)	:	4.35 pm
Chow Chow Bath (K)	:	7.10 pm

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Shaitaan (H)	:	10 am, 1.05 pm, 4 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.10 am, 1.15 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.25, 10.30 pm
Mehabooba (K)	:	10.15 am
Yodha (H)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	12.15 pm, 6.15 pm
Kerebete (K)	:	1.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	2.30 pm
Bastar: Naxal Story (H)	:	3.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Hide and Seek (K)	:	4.25 pm
Jackie (K)	:	7.15 pm
Photo (K)	:	10.20 pm

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Somu Sound Engineer (K)	:	10 am
Shaitaan (H)	:	10.20 am, 3 pm, 10.20 pm
Yodha (H)	:	10.25 am, 1.20 pm, 7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
Bastar: Naxal Story (H)	:	10.50 am, 7.35 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	12.45 pm, 5.55 pm, 8.10 pm, 10.25 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	1.10 pm, 7.20 pm
Jackie (K)	:	1.35 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	4.05 pm
Blink (K)	:	4.40 pm

Winners of 'Mindfest' College Quiz

Prize-winners of 'Mindfest' College Quiz are seen with Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 Founder-Chairperson Shubha Sanjay Urs, chief guest Anand Venkataraman, Quiz Master Abhishek Veera Raghavan, judge Meenu Brouwer, Treasurer Vinaya Prabhavathy and Member Dr. Pamela Sanath Nikam.

Mysuru, Mar. 18- Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 had organised 'Mindfest,' the College Quiz Extravaganza featuring an intellectually stimulating competition that captivated participants and audience alike. The event was held at S.P. Bhat Hall, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, on Mar. 16.

Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 Founder-Chairperson Shubha Sanjay Urs briefed the students about the Mindfest and welcomed the gathering. Berty Ashley and Abhishek Veeraghavan were the Quiz Masters.

The quiz witnessed good competition and camaraderie among talented minds, with participants from various educational institutions showcasing their knowledge and quick thinking.

The prize-winners are as follows: **1st place -** Arush Sudan, Krishna Rajmohan and Yashvardhan Gaur (JSS Medical College); **2nd place:** G. Anurag, Ninaad A. Kaller (SJCE) & Y.M. Vishwas (Government PU College); **3rd place:** D.C. Chethan, K.V. Aabha Unni & Aneesh R. Bhat (Yuvaraja's College, Mysuru); **Consolation prizes -** Sudhay, Sona and Vaidehi (JSS Medical College); M.K. Amogh Vedanth Raay, M.S. Harsha Kumar & Syed Mohammad Muzakkir (Various Institutions); Karthik, Shreyas (NIE) & Advith (SJCE); Manan Bajaj & Nandini (JSS Medical College).

Anand Venkataraman, an Engineer from USA, who was the chief guest on the occasion, distributed the prizes to the winners. The event was judged by Meenu Brouwer and Kusuma Murthy.

Prizes worth Rs. 50,000 was given away to winners. Audience prizes, book vouchers and food vouchers were won both by the participants and the audience.

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 18)

- **Sri Kalanikethana School of Art, Mysuru - Sree Kalanikethana College of Vishul Art:** Digital Art Exhibition, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 4 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 19)

- **Sri Kalanikethana School of Art, Mysuru - Sree Kalanikethana College of Vishul Art:** Digital Art Exhibition, Sri Kalanikethana Art Gallery, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10 am to 4 pm.**
- **KSOU Competitive Examinations Coaching Centre, Mysuru:** Vijaya Vittala Educational Institutions Hon. Secretary R. Vasudeva Bhat inaugurates the coaching classes for post PUC Common Entrance Test (CET) and National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) and National Science Day celebrations, former Bangalore University Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. K. Siddappa delivers keynote address, KSOU VC Prof. Sharanappa V. Halse presides, Cauvery Auditorium, Muktagangothri campus, Hunsur Road, **11 am.**

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Jackie (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm
Kerebete (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Karataka Damaraka (K)	(S-1)	1.05 pm, 7.15 pm; (S-2) 9.55 am
Shaitaan (H)	(S-1)	10.10 am, 4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Yodha (H)	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-3)	10.40 am, 7.25 pm
	(S-4)	2.35 pm
Bastar: Naxal Story (H)	(S-3)	4.40 pm; (S-4) 9.45 am
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-4)	12.20 pm, 5.30, 7.45 pm, 10 pm

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Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	9.55 am, 3.05 pm, 8.15 pm
Yodha (H)	:	10 am, 12.10 pm, 5.20 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Shaitaan (H)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.00 pm
Mehabooba (K)	:	10.30 am
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.50 pm
Blink (K)	:	1.15 pm
Somu Sound Engineer (K)	:	1.30 pm
Karataka Damanaka (K)	:	4.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	4.10 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.20 pm
Hide and Seek (K)	:	4.20 pm
Photo (K)	:	7.10 pm

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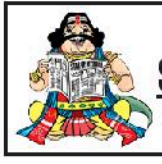

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